

As our armed forces, including VT National Guard & Reserves, return home and transition to civilian life, we must work together to assure the smoothest reentry possible, for both them and their families.

Each service and family member will manage the transition from the war-zone to the home-front with different amounts of success. Some accomplish this transition within weeks. Others will need more time, and perhaps assistance. In other words, readjustment is a complicated process with no clear demarcation points and no consistent time course. This event is to bring together those who want to help, to begin a process of working together to build a strong **Military, Family & Community Network.**

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the symptoms and understand the diagnosis of posttraumatic stress disorder and other traumatic disorders;
- Understand the different variables that may impact the transition from the war-zone to home;
- Recognize psychological and physical issues that may be exhibited in children and adolescents as a result of deployment and war;
- Identify appropriate resources and treatment options available within the community; and
- Facilitate ongoing collaboration among multidisciplinary organizations and individuals interested in, and/or providing services to, veterans and their families.

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Division of Mental Health
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From the War-zone to the Home-front

Working Together to Build a Military,
Family & Community Network

A Conference for Health Care Providers and Community Service Members

Thursday
June 8th, 2006
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Norwich University
Dole Auditorium located in Webb Hall
158 Harmon Drive
Northfield, VT 05663



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CONTINUING EDUCATION

The training is pending approval for 6 Continuing Education Credits for Psychologists, Mental Health Counselors, Social Workers, and Drug & Alcohol Abuse Counselors. Applications have been sent to the Vermont Secretary of State Office of Professional Regulation, the Vermont Chapter of National Social Workers, and the Vermont Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor Certification Board.

Certificates will be awarded to all pre-registered participants at the conclusion of the workshop.



In an effort to facilitate networking opportunities, the Military, Family & Community Network invites event attendees to provide informational materials regarding educational opportunities, publications, provision of program and/or clinical services, etc. for distribution.

AGENDA

7:30am – 8:30am	Registration/Coffee
8:30am – 8:45am	Welcome <i>Governor James Douglas (invited)</i> <i>Adjutant General of the VT National Guard, Michael Dubie (invited)</i> <i>Chaplain Jim MacIntyre, Family Program Chaplain</i>
8:45am – 9:45am	War-Zone Stress Reactions in Veterans: Includes film clips from J. Craven's "After the Fog" <i>Matthew J. Friedman, MD, PhD, National Center for PTSD</i>
9:45am – 10:30am	VA and DoD Outreach Initiatives to Iraq Veterans <i>Panel Presentation: VA benefits, eligibility, mental health, TriCare; Family Programs, ESGR, EAP</i>
10:30am – 10:45am	Break
10:45am – 11:15am	"Battlemind" <i>Travis Jones, VA Vet Center GWOT Outreach Counselor</i>
11:15am – 12:00pm	Traumatic Brain Injury <i>Jim and Jennifer Vyhna</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch (provided)
1:00pm – 1:45pm	Special Issues for Families of the Military <i>Kristin Henderson author of "While They're at War: The True Story of American Families on the Homefront" with brief remarks by Mrs. Marcelle, Leahy</i>
1:45pm – 2:15pm	Understanding Loss and Grief in Children <i>Stanley Gajda, Mental Health Counselor, VA</i>
2:15pm – 2:45pm	Treatment <i>Andrew Pomerantz, MD, Chief, Mental Health and Behavioral Science Service, VA Medical Center</i>
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm – 3:45pm	Community Resources: Increasing Access and Use <i>Scott Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, DCF</i>
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Q & A, Closing, Evaluation, & Certificates

REGISTRATION

Conference fee is \$25.00 (non-refundable). Make check or money order payable to Vermont Department of Health. Space is limited, and registrations will be accepted as they are received. Registration deadline is **June 1, 2006**. (After this date get MRE's for lunch)

Contact Sherry Burnette, AHS, 802-241-4576 or sherryb@wpgate1.ahs.state.vt.us with questions.

Register online:

http://healthvermont.gov/MH/training/guard_conference.aspx

Register by mail/Fax:

Mail completed registration form & payment to:

Vermont Department of Health
attn: Michelle Hough
Division of Mental Health or **Fax** to:
P.O. Box 70 802-652-2005
Burlington, VT 05402 attn: M. Hough

Please type or print

Full Name (with degree if applicable)

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If you require special accommodations, or have questions, contact Michelle Hough at 802-652-2000, or mhough@vdh.state.vt.us

Directions

Take I-89 to Exit 5. At the stop sign, take a left onto Rte 64. Follow to junction of Rtes 64 and 12. Bear right onto Rte 12 north. In 2 miles, the university will be on your left. Webb Hall is brick with a modern cement sculpture in front (Dole auditorium is inside).